House-sitting agreement

Template by Job & Stay (www.jobandstay.com) to fill in. Please adapt it to your case and to the law of the country where the house is.

Important: this template is not legal advice and comes without warranty. Someone who regularly takes on tasks for pay or pocket money may legally count as an employee (registration, social security, minimum wage, tax). If in doubt, have the agreement checked by a professional in that country. Job & Stay is not a party to the agreement.

1. The parties

Owner (name, address, phone, e-mail):

_____

House sitter (name, address, phone, e-mail, ID number):

_____

2. The house

Address of the house: _____

What is included (garden, pool, outbuildings, vehicles)?

_____

3. Period

Start: _____ End: _____ Trial period until: _____

Handover at the start (date, time, who is present):

_____

4. Living

The house sitter lives in (e.g. guest flat, own room, bathroom):

_____

Electricity, water, internet, heating are paid by: ☐ owner ☐ house sitter ☐ shared:

_____

Visitors and overnight guests: ☐ not allowed ☐ by arrangement ☐ allowed

Smoking in the house: ☐ no ☐ yes House sitter's own pets: ☐ no ☐ yes

5. Tasks

☐ Live in the house, air it, keep an eye on things ☐ Mail and deliveries ☐ Let tradespeople in ☐ Water and look after the garden ☐ Look after the pool or accompany the pool company ☐ Cleaning ☐ Prepare the house before your arrival

Other tasks: _____

Approximate time per week: _____ hours. Days off: _____

6. Animals

Which animals (species, name, age): _____

Food, medication, walks or exercise: _____

Vet (name, phone): _____ Vet costs are paid by the owner.

7. Pay

☐ Wage: _____ € per month, gross/net (delete as appropriate) ☐ Pocket money: _____ € per month

Paid on the _____ of each month to: _____

Expenses for the house (materials, pet food, repairs up to _____ €) are refunded by the owner against receipts.

8. Keys and handover

Handed over (number of keys, codes, remote controls):

_____

Condition at handover: handover report with photos, signed by both at the start and at the end.

9. Contact and reports

Report with photos: ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ as needed Channel: _____
Emergency contact on site (neighbour, manager):

_____

In an emergency (water damage, break-in, storm) first:

_____

10. Damage and insurance

The owner checks whether the home and building insurance covers a house sitter. The house sitter has personal liability insurance: ☐ yes ☐ no.
The house sitter informs the owner immediately of any damage.

11. Early end

Either party can end the agreement with _____ days' notice, immediately in case of a serious breach. At the end the house sitter clears their living area and returns all keys.

12. Other

Photos of the house online only with the owner's consent. Further arrangements:

_____

Place, date: _____

_____ _____

Signature owner Signature house sitter